

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY

## Voting Members:

Stanley Chang, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Tom Berg, Tulsi Gabbard, Nestor R. Garcia

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Committee Meeting Held  
February 29, 2012

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Works and Sustainability, which considered Bill 10 (2012), entitled:

“RELATING TO THE USE OF BAGS PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS,”

which passed First Reading at the February 15, 2012 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 10 (2012) is to regulate the use of non-biodegradable plastic bags and certain other bags provided to customers.

The Director of the Department of Environmental Services testified that the department and administration have certain reservations about the bill. Written and oral testimonies from the retail industry and the community were also received.

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Your Committee on Public Works and Sustainability has taken note of the concerns raised by the Director of Environmental Services, as well as the comments provided by the testimony received. Your Committee believes that the discussion on this important issue should continue and that any concerns raised may be successfully addressed with all stakeholders working together. Thus, your Committee on Public Works and Sustainability is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 10 (2012) and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to the Committee on Public Works and Sustainability. (Ayes: Chang, Berg, Gabbard, Kobayashi - 4; Ayes with reservations: Garcia -1; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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